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Dear Flock Community,

At Flock, our mission has always been clear: to eliminate crime while protecting the privacy and freedoms that make our communities thrive. That's why I want to take a moment to update you on a recent legal development in Virginia—and how we're taking action to stand by our customers and the communities we serve.

What's Happening in Norfolk, Virginia

Last October, a lawsuit was filed in Norfolk, Virginia, challenging the use of license plate readers (LPRs) by Norfolk law enforcement.

To be clear, Flock has not been sued.

However, we have requested the judge allow Flock to intervene in this case. Why? Two reasons. First, we know the technology and are best positioned to answer the questions asked by the judge. Second, the legal outcome could impact how our customers—cities, law enforcement agencies, businesses, and neighborhoods—use the tools we provide to prevent and solve crime.

Intervention is a legal process that allows a third party to ask the Court's permission to join an existing case when they have a direct interest in the outcome. We believe it's important that Flock's voice, experience, and commitment to civil liberties are part of the conversation.

The Legal Landscape

There is strong legal precedent supporting the constitutionality of LPRs. Courts in at least fourteen states, including this week in Illinois—and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for both the 9th and 11th Circuits—have affirmed that license plate readers do not violate the Fourth Amendment.

Why? Because:

- There is no expectation of privacy in a license plate, which is publicly displayed and issued by the government
- LPRs aren't designed to capture intimate or personal details about a person—they collect still images of cars and license plates in public spaces
- These tools do not allow for continuous or detailed tracking of the whole of an individual's movements
- Thousands of public officials, elected by the communities they serve, have voted on and approved the use of LPRs and set local safeguards

Why Flock Is Getting Involved

We feel a strong sense of responsibility to contribute our expertise to the questions raised by this case. Flock's technology is purpose-built with privacy protections like short data retention windows, strong access controls, and transparency into how the tools are used.

Importantly, we are asking the court to let us step in to stand behind our products and support our customers. You rely on Flock to help make your communities safer—and the data shows it works. Whether it's recovering stolen vehicles, identifying suspects in violent crimes, recovering missing people, or deterring criminal activity altogether, LPRs are a critical part of modern public safety.

We're Putting the Community First

At Flock, we are proud to build tools that strike the right balance between effectiveness and privacy. We will always stand up for what's right—supporting the people and agencies who work every day to protect our neighborhoods, while staying grounded in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. We're here for you. We're committed to this mission. And we're not backing down.

If you have questions, please just respond to this email and a member of Flock's legal team will reach out to you.

Sincerely,
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